

2018 Current Fiscal Year Report: Pecos District Resource Advisory Council

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1. Department or Agency

Department of the Interior

2. Fiscal Year

2018

3. Committee or Subcommittee

Pecos District Resource Advisory Council

3b. GSA Committee No.

73657

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

No

5. Current Charter

06/17/2018

6. Expected Renewal Date

06/17/2020

7. Expected Term Date

8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

No

8b. Specific Termination Authority

8c. Actual Term Date

9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year

Continue

10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?

Not Applicable

10b. Legislation Pending?

Not Applicable

11. Establishment Authority Statutory (Congress Created)

12. Specific Establishment Authority

Federal Land Policy and Management Act, Section 309

13. Effective Date

10/21/1976

14. Committee Type

Continuing

14c. Presidential?

No

15. Description of Committee Non Scientific Program Advisory Board

16a. Total Number of Reports

No Reports for this Fiscal Year

17a. Open 1 17b. Closed 0 17c. Partially Closed 0 Other Activities 0 17d. Total 1 Meetings and Dates

Purpose	Start	End
The RAC met to hear presentations on the Draft Carlsbad Resource Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement; overviews on the proposed recreation fee at the Rob Jagers Campground, the Rio Bonito Wetlands Proposed Project, and District workload priorities; and updates on the area of critical environmental concern guidance plan, Fort Stanton Cave, and oil and gas regulations.	12/06/2017	12/06/2017

Number of Committee Meetings Listed: 1

	Current FY	Next FY
18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff	\$10,000.00	\$15,000.00
18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$0.00

18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)	\$150.00	\$600.00
18d. Total	\$10,150.00	\$15,600.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	0.20	0.20

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

The BLM's Pecos District RAC provides representative citizen council and advice to the Secretary of the Interior through the Bureau of Land Management's New Mexico State Director concerning the planning and management of public land resources located within the jurisdictional boundaries of the BLM's Pecos District.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

The Pecos District Resource Advisory Council is composed of 10 members distributed in a balanced fashion among the following groups and within those groups. Specific interests include: Category I includes those holding Federal grazing permits or leases, interests associated with transportation or rights-of-way, developed outdoor recreation, OHV users, or commercial recreation activities, commercial timber industry, or energy and mineral development. Category II includes nationally or regionally recognized environmental organizations, dispersed recreation activities, archaeological and historical interests, or nationally or regionally recognized wild horse and burro interest groups. Category III includes state, county, or locally elected office-holders, employee of a State agency responsible for the management of natural resources, Indian Tribes within or adjacent to the area for which the RAC is organized, are employed as academicians in natural resource management or the natural sciences, or represent the public-at-large.

20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?

The Pecos District RAC met once FY2018. Usually the RAC meets 2-4 times a year. Meetings are timely and relevant to actions occurring within the Pecos District.

20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?

The RAC develops recommendations for the BLM regarding the preparation, amendment, and implementation of land use plans for the public lands and resources within the jurisdiction of the RAC. This may require the RAC to, at the direction of the designated Federal officer, gather and analyze information, conduct studies and field examinations, hear public comments, and provide advice on the issues presented.

20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?

All meetings are open to the public. Notices of the meetings are published in the Federal

Register, posted on the BLM New Mexico website, and distributed to local newspapers.

21. Remarks

The Pecos District RAC conducted one meeting during FY2018: December 6, 2017.

Designated Federal Officer

Jim Stoval BLM Pecos District Manager

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Black, Ronald	09/30/2016	09/30/2019	Lea County Commissioner	Representative Member
Derrick, Millard	11/17/2015	09/30/2019	Rancher	Representative Member
Hillman, Ronald	09/30/2016	11/17/2018	General Counsel, Armstrong Energy Corporation	Representative Member
McDaniel, Patricia	04/28/2011	09/30/2019	Project Director, Center of Excellence for Hazardous Materials Management	Representative Member
Peerman, Stephen	11/17/2015	11/17/2018	Retired teacher	Representative Member
Veni, George	11/17/2015	11/17/2018	Executive Director, National Cave and Karst Research Institute	Representative Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 6

Narrative Description

The Pecos District Resource Advisory Council is a citizen advisory council that serves in an advisory capacity concerning the planning and management of the public land resources located in the BLM's Pecos District.

What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

Improvements to health or safety	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Trust in government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Major policy changes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Advance in scientific research	<input type="checkbox"/>
Effective grant making	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improved service delivery	<input type="checkbox"/>
Increased customer satisfaction	<input type="checkbox"/>
Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Outcome Comments

Not Applicable

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

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| None | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Unable to Determine | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Under \$100,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| \$100,000 - \$500,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| \$500,001 - \$1,000,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| \$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| \$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Over \$10,000,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Cost Savings Other | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Cost Savings Comments

An in-depth analysis has not been done to determine cost savings associated with the Pecos District RAC. However, the contributions of the RAC are of great benefit to the BLM.

What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?

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Number of Recommendations Comments

There were no recommendations in FY 2018. In FY2015, the Lesser Prairie-Chicken Habitat Preservation Area of Critical Environmental Concern Livestock Grazing Subcommittee submitted a recommendation to the RAC regarding using livestock grazing as a management tool that is not tied to the Taylor Grazing Act. The recommendation from the Subcommittee included criteria for selecting a grazer, vegetation management goals, and thresholds for treating the area by grazing with livestock. The RAC accepted the recommendation, and forwarded it on to the BLM.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?

100%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

The subcommittee's recommendation has been incorporated into the ACEC Guidance plan.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?

0%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

Not Applicable

Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?

Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

Agency Feedback Comments

The BLM's Pecos District management provides the RAC with comprehensive feedback on how it uses RAC discussions and recommendations in its strategies and specific management actions.

What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?

Checked if Applies

Reorganized Priorities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Reallocated resources	<input type="checkbox"/>
Issued new regulation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Proposed legislation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Approved grants or other payments	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Action Comments

Not Applicable

Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?

No

Grant Review Comments

Not Applicable

How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?

Checked if Applies

Contact DFO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Online Agency Web Site
Online Committee Web Site
Online GSA FACA Web Site
Publications
Other



Access Comments

Not Applicable